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DEMOCRATS OPPOSING SOLDIER BONUS BILL

After months of constant dickering in an effort to devise ways and means of financing the soldiers' bonus bill, and with a program developed that will take care of the problem in a manner satisfactory to the great mass of taxpayers, eliminating all unjust burdens, the republicans in the senate yesterday offered the McCumber bill for consideration. Instantaneous objection to the measure was made by the democrats led by Oscar Underwood, democratic minority leader, who asked that consideration of the bill be over until after the election in November.

Dirty politics on the part of the democrats is being played at the expense of the American boys who joined the service of this country in its hour of need and were willing to give their all that the life and integrity of the United States might be preserved for all time. The ex-soldiers men and the voters generally should remember these things: that the democrats are being pursued by the democrats at the expense of the boys who fought during the late world war, and when election day rolls round the voters should make it so plain to these obstructors of justice that their petty policies are not appreciated, that they will be relegated to the rear, there to remain in oblivion politically for all time.

The bonus bill, known as the McCumber measure, unquestionably solves this vexed problem, and the expense to the government has been reduced by \$250,000,000 under that proposed in the house measure. Payments extended over a period of 43 years, which will allow of a sinking fund with which to meet war-time debts. With an appropriation of \$3,845,659,481, the estimate is based on the theory that 75 per cent of the 4,458,199 veterans eligible for compensation would elect the adjusted service certificate option; 22 1/2 per cent farm home and land settlement, and 2 1/2 per cent vocational training aid. Chairman McCumber's report said it was hoped that the reduction in governmental expenses, plus the payment of interest on the refunded foreign obligations, would be sufficient to obviate the imposition of additional taxation.

What fairer methods could be evolved. The republicans are endeavoring to keep operating expenses down to the lowest possible ebb, and the tactics of the democrats in their endeavors to block soldier bonus legislation, should be scorned by all good citizens.

Regardless of the tariff measure, the soldier bonus bill should be disposed of without delay that the world may know we still appreciate the services rendered this country during the late war by the flower of this land.

The democratic bloc against the measure is a contemptible scheme to play politics and prevent its passage, so that they may later endeavor to cast odium upon the republicans for failure to enact the measure into a law.

SENATOR ODDIE WAS MAN BEHIND GUN

Much favorable comment is heard regarding the manner in which Senator Oddie handled the hard fight which resulted in restoring cyanide to the free list. The tariff bill as passed by the house imposed no duty on cyanide; but, it will be recalled, the senate finance committee, after

reducing the duty from 33 1/3 per cent to 10 per cent as a result of Senator Oddie's efforts, reported the bill imposing a tariff of 10 per cent on this item. Inasmuch as the action of the senate regarding cyanide now agreed with that taken by the house, it means that this matter is now settled, and that it will not have to be considered by the conference committee after the bill has been finally passed by the senate.

A number of the republican senators had previously urged the finance committee to place cyanide on the free list. This the committee refused to do. These senators also made recommendations to the finance committee that a number of other items be changed, but they were unable to break the power of the committee.

The matter came to a vote on all that the life and integrity of the United States might be preserved for all time. The ex-soldiers men and the voters generally should remember these things: that the democrats are being pursued by the democrats at the expense of the boys who fought during the late world war, and when election day rolls round the voters should make it so plain to these obstructors of justice that their petty policies are not appreciated, that they will be relegated to the rear, there to remain in oblivion politically for all time.

The prediction is being freely made that the soundness of his general position on important legislative matters, together with his ability to make and hold friends, will result in the rapid rise of the junior senator from Nevada as a power to be reckoned with in the upper chamber of our national legislature. The winning of the fight for free cyanide is regarded here as a distinctly Oddie victory and one of high importance, as it means protecting the interests of the gold and silver mining industry.

BAR TO PROFITEERING BY HOOVER PLAN

Following the agreement that was reached last week with 50 soft coal operators, for an organized effort to prevent profiteering while the present strike is on, the secretary of commerce has now called a general conference to bring all the other operators whose mines are producing numbering some 1500, into line. Since the 50 produce the bulk of the coal now coming from non-union and open-shop mines, their influence should count materially in furthering the plan to sell direct to consumers at reasonable rates through clearing houses in the active coal districts.

The purpose is "to penetrate the entire body of operators with the plan agreed upon." Secretary Hoover found the 50 cold toward it when he first urged its undertaking. He did not mince words. "The coal industry will either govern itself or the government will govern it," he said. The operators could not misinterpret that. And they were more inclined to listen when Mr. Hoover explained that he was trying to "see what we can do by purely vol-

untary action, in the absence of any legal authority whatsoever." Such action calls for more moral courage on the part of the operators than has been evident since profiteering became popular and for a crusading spirit that will make converts in large numbers throughout the coal fields.

The success of the plan depends upon the amount of co-operation received. Public support will be instant because the public is sick and tired of being gouged for its coal. It knows that there is no excuse for any rise in prices at this time, because a large surplus of mined coal still exists and the non-union mines are producing up to nearly half of the normal output of the bituminous regions. It has not forgotten how the profiteers ran wild in 1920; and before it submitted to another such merciless trimming it would prefer to take chances with government control and operation of the industry.

NO COMPROMISE

Economics and politics of Europe are hopelessly interwoven. Reconstruction measures without recognition of the government under which reconstruction must necessarily take place seemingly is impossible. Russian representatives—although there may be some doubt as to whether the men at Genoa really represent Russia—feel the world is indebted to them, whereas the balance books of the allies show Russia to be indebted to the allies. Sovietism being the reverse of the usual order of things, however the results achieved by soviet bookkeeping methods were not entirely unexpected.

What little has thus far been accomplished by the conference, aside from the Russian problem, might better and more easily have been accomplished without the aid, suggestion or participation of the reds. There seems to be little doubt now that it was a mistake to admit representatives of the Lenin-Trotsky gang to the councils of civilized nations. The first requirement for Russian reconstruction, it is becoming increasingly obvious, is a Russian government, representative of the great mass of the Russian people, capable, efficient, honest and founded upon a record of peaceful evolution rather than bloody revolution, such as has characterized bolshevik rule. And all efforts economically to compose Russia must fail as long as Russia has no government which will respect any governments.

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